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## **APM Terminals in Gothenburg invests in new straddle carriers**

**- better working environment, lower emissions and increased storage capacity**

**APM Terminals, which manages the container terminal in Gothenburg, is investing in 12 new straddle carriers as part of a long-term programme to upgrade to new carriers and maximise storage capacity. The new machines have diesel-electric drives that give lower fuel consumption and thus offer a clear environmental benefit. The purchase is part of a comprehensive investment plan worth over SEK 800 million.**

The 12 straddle carriers on order are 4High machines and will be delivered before the end of the year. The 4High designation means that they can lift and carry a container easily over three stacked containers, an improvement over the existing machines, which can only lift three high.

“The new machines will ultimately give us increased storage capacity. The investment in new carriers is also part of our general investment plan totalling SEK 800 million to increase overall terminal capacity, productivity and efficiency in the long term, which will benefit our customers,” says Keld Pedersen, CEO of APM Terminals.

All the new straddle carriers will have the capacity to handle twin lifts. This means that they can lift two 20-foot containers simultaneously (with certain weight limits), which will also increase productivity.

The investment is being made partly to comply with stiffer environmental requirements in Gothenburg and meets that same level of emissions requirements that apply to new trucks. The new machines are equipped with a new generation of engines that comply with the latest emission class – EU off road stage 4 – delivering lower exhaust emissions and fuel consumption than previous engine generations.

APM Terminals is constantly working to improve safety and the working environment. The new machines offer several benefits for operators.

“Because the new cab is three metres higher and is better placed than before, it gives the operator a better view, which improves the working environment and safety. The new cabs also have a better ergonomic design and the cab seat has a four-point harness, which is an important new safety feature,” adds Keld Pedersen.

APM Terminals has a total of 38 straddle carriers including the 12 new machines. The order is a 12 + 12 deal, with an option on a further 12 straddle carriers until 2017. The

supplier is German manufacturer Noell Mobile Systems, part of the North American TEREX Group.

APM Terminals took over Gothenburg's container port on 1 January 2012 and is constantly striving to make improvements and increase competitiveness by raising productivity and capacity. Efficiency improvements have already boosted productivity. This is measured through parameters such as crane productivity, which is estimated to have risen by 20 per cent between 2011 and 2013. Further measures are planned as part of the agreed investment plan.

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**About APM Terminals Gothenburg AB**

APM Terminals Gothenburg is the largest container terminal in the Nordic region. Over 50 per cent of all container freight to and from Sweden passes through the port. The terminal handles over 20 arrivals each week. These include direct calls, ocean-going vessels that come directly from other continents, and feeder vessels carrying containers from other ports in northern Europe. APM Terminals Gothenburg is the only terminal in Sweden with the capacity to receive and handle the largest ocean-going vessels. Around half of all the container traffic to and from the port of Gothenburg is transported by rail, which has major benefits for the environment. APM Terminals has headquarters in The Hague, employs 20,000 people in 68 countries and has a turnover of USD 4.8 billion (2012).  
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